



United States Bankruptcy Court

Northern District of Illinois

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor(if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Gerstein, Melinda	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the debtor in the last 8 years (include maiden and trade names):	All Other Names used by the joint debtor in the last 8 years (include maiden and trade names):
Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): 0199	Last four digits of Soc. Sec. No./Complete EIN or other Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City and State): 2500 West Belmont Apartment 306 Chicago IL	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City and State):
ZIP CODE 60618	ZIP CODE
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address):	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):
ZIP CODE	ZIP CODE
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):	ZIP CODE

Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box)	Nature of Business (Check all applicable boxes)	Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding
Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 15 Petition for Recognition of a Foreign Nonmain Proceeding
		Nature of Debts (check one box)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts.
Filing Fee (Check one box)		Chapter 11 Debtors
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached		Check one box:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See See Official Form 3A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101(51D). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101(51D).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee Waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.	Check if:
		<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders of affiliates) are less than \$2,190,000.
		Check all applicable boxes:
		<input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).



Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Gerstein, Melinda	
All prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet)			
Location Where Filed:	Case Number	Date Filed:	
Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)			
Name of Debtor:	Case Number:	Date Filed:	
District	Relationship:	Judge:	
Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)		Exhibit B (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by §342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made part of this petition.		<i>/s/ Thayer C. Torgerson</i> <small>Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s).</small>	
		<u>09/05/2008</u> <small>Date:</small>	
Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Exhibit D (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. If this is a joint petition: <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made part of this petition.			
Information Regarding the Debtor-Venue (Check any applicable box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner or partnership pending in this District. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business, or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this district.			
Statement by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)			
Name of landlord that obtained judgment: Address of landlord: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. & 362(1)).			



Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i>		Name of Debtor(s): Gerstein, Melinda
Signatures		
Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. [If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by §342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. I request relief in accordance with the chapter title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. <u>X /s/ Melinda Gerstein</u> Signature of Debtor		Signature of a Foreign Representative I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition. (Check only one box.) <input type="checkbox"/> I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by §1515 of title 11 are attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to §1511 of title 11, United States Code, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached. <u>X</u> _____ (Signature of Foreign Representative) (Printed Name of Foreign Representative) <u>09/05/2008</u> Date
Signature of Attorney <u>X /s/ Thayer C. Torgerson</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) Thayer C. Torgerson 6204662 Firm Name Law Office of Thayer C. Torgerson Address 2400 North Western Avenue, # 205 Chicago, Illinois 60647 Telephone Number 773-772-0844 Date 09/05/2008 *In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.		Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in U.S.C. §110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor as required in that section. Official Form 19B is attached. Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. §110.) Address <u>X</u> _____ Date 09/05/2008 Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above. Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual: If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person. A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.
<u>X</u> _____ Signature of Authorized Individual Printed Name of Authorized Individual Title of Authorized Individual Date <u>09/05/2008</u>		



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Northern **District of Illinois**

In re **Gerstein, Melinda**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

(if known)

EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Gerstein, Melinda

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will any filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*



3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.] [Summarize exigent circumstances here.]*

If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.

4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

Active military duty in a military combat zone.

5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: /s/ Melinda Gerstein

Gerstein, Melinda

Date: 09/05/2008

Certificate Number: 02910-ILN-CC-004699413

CERTIFICATE OF COUNSELING

I CERTIFY that on August 18, 2008, at 12:55 o'clock PM EDT,

Melinda Gerstein received from

InCharge Education Foundation, Inc.

an agency approved pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 111 to provide credit counseling in the

Northern District of Illinois, an individual [or group] briefing that complied with the provisions of 11 U.S.C. §§ 109(h) and 111.

A debt repayment plan was not prepared. If a debt repayment plan was prepared, a copy of the debt repayment plan is attached to this certificate.

This counseling session was conducted by internet.

Date: August 18, 2008 By /s/Roberto Travieso

Name Roberto Travieso

Title Education Counselor

* Individuals who wish to file a bankruptcy case under title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code are required to file with the United States Bankruptcy Court a completed certificate of counseling from the nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency that provided the individual the counseling services and a copy of the debt repayment plan, if any, developed through the credit counseling agency. See 11 U.S.C. §§ 109(h) and 521(b).



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Northern

DISTRICT OF Illinois

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Debtor(s) Case No.
Chapter

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES

Indicate as to each schedule whether that schedule is attached and state the number of pages in each. Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I and J in the boxes provided. Add the amounts from Schedules A and B to determine the total amount of the debtor's assets. Add the amounts of all claims from Schedules D, E, and F to determine the total amount of the debtor's liabilities. Individual debtors also must complete the "Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data" if they file a case under chapter 7, 11, or 13.

Name of Schedule	Attached (Yes/No)	Number of Sheets	Amounts Scheduled		
			Assets	Liabilities	Other
A - Real Property	x	1	0.00		
B - Personal Property	x	5	1310.00		
C - Property Claimed as Exempt	x	1			
D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims	x	1		0.00	
E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims	x	1		0.00	
F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims	x	2		7,400.97	
G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	x	1			
H - Codebtors	x	1			
I - Current Income of Individual Debtor(s)	x	1			902.57
J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s)	x	1			864.00
Total Number of Sheets of All Schedules		15			
Total Assets			1310.00		
			Total Liabilities		7400.97



Northern
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District Of Illinois

Debtor(s) Case No.
Chapter 7

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CERTAIN LIABILITIES AND RELATED DATA (28 U.S.C. § 159)

If you are an individual debtor whose debts are primarily consumer debts, as defined in § 101(8) of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101(8)), filing a case under chapter 7, 11, or 13, you must report all information requested below.

Check this box if you are an individual debtor whose debts are NOT primarily consumer debts. You are not required to report any information here.

This information is for statistical purposes only under 28 U.S.C. § 159.

Summarize the following types of liabilities, as reported in the Schedules, and total them.

Type of Liability	Amount
Domestic Support Obligations (from Schedule E)	\$ 0.00
Taxes and Certain Other Debts Owed to Governmental Units (from Schedule E)	\$ 0.00
Claims for Death or Personal Injury While Debtor Was Intoxicated (from Schedule E)	\$ 0.00
Student Loan Obligations (from Schedule F)	\$ 0.00
Domestic Support, Separation Agreement, and Divorce Decree Obligations Not Reported on Schedule E	\$ 0.00
Obligations to Pension or Profit-Sharing, and Other Similar Obligations (from Schedule F)	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

State the following:

Average Income (from Schedule I Line 16)	\$ 902.57
Average Expences (from Schedule J, Line 18)	\$ 864.00
Current Monthly Income (from Form 22A Line 12; OR Form 22B Line 11; OR , Form 22C Line 20)	\$ 123.57

State the following:

1. Total from Schedule D, "Unsecured Portion, IF ANY" column		\$ 0.00
2. Total from Schedule E, "AMOUNT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY" column	\$ 0.00	
3. Total from Schedule E, "AMOUNT NOT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY" column		\$ 0.00
4. Total from Schedule F		\$ 7,400.97
5. Total from non-priority unsecured debt (sum of 1, 3, and 4)		\$ 7,400.97

The foregoing information is for statistical purposes only under 28 U.S.C § 159.



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(if known)

SCHEDULE A - REAL PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY	NATURE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY	H W J C	CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION	AMOUNT OF SECURED CLAIM
None				
		Total ->	\$ 0 . 00	(Report also on Summary of Schedules)



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SCHEDULE B - PERSONAL PROPERTY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	N O N E	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY	W H J C	CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION
01 Cash on hand		Cash on hand		10.00
02 Checking savings or other financial accounts certificates of deposit or shares in banks savings and loan thrift building and loan and homestead associations or credit unions brokerage houses or cooperatives.		Charter One Checking Account		200.00
03 Security Deposits with public utilities telephone companies landlords and others.	x	Household furniture		1,000.00
04 Household goods and furnishings including audio video and computer equipment.		Clothing		100.00
05 Books; pictures and other art objects; antiques; stamp coin record tape compact disc and other collections or collectibles.	x			
06 Wearing apparel.				
07 Furs and jewelry.	x			
(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules) Continuation sheets attached				Total -> 1,310.00



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SCHEDULE B - PERSONAL PROPERTY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	N O N E	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY	W H J C	CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION
08 Firearms and sports photographic and other hobby equipment.	x			
09 Interests in insurance policies. Name insurance company of each policy and itemize surrender or refund value of each.	x			
10 Annuities. Itemize and name each issuer.	x			
11 Interests in an education IRA as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 530(b)(1) or under a qualified State tuition plan as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(1) Give particulars. (file separately the record(s) of any such interest(s). 11 U.S.C. § 521(c); Rule 1007(b)).	x			
12 Interests in IRA ERISA Keogh or other pension or profit sharing plans. Give particulars.	x			
13 Stock and interest in incorporated and unincorporated businesses. Itemize.	x			
(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules) Continuation sheets attached				Total -> 1,310.00



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SCHEDULE B - PERSONAL PROPERTY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	N O N E	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY	W H J C	CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION
14 Interest in partnerships or joint ventures. Itemize.	x			
15 Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments.	x			
16 Accounts receivable.	x			
17 Alimony maintenance support and property settlements to which the debtor is or may be entitled. Give particulars.	x			
18 Other liquidated debts owing debtor including tax refunds. Give particulars.	x			
19 Equitable or future interests life estates and rights or powers exercisable for the benefit of the debtor other than those listed in Schedule A of Real Property.	x			
20 Contingent and non-contingent interests in estate of a decedent death benefit plan life insurance policy or trust.	x			

(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules) Total ->
Continuation sheets attached

1,310.00



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21 Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature including tax refunds counterclaims of the debtor and rights to setoff claims. Give estimated value of each.	x			
22 Patents copyrights and other general intellectual property. Give particulars.	x			
23 Licenses franchises and other general intangible. Give particulars.	x			
24 Customer lists or compilations containing personally identifiable information (as defined in 11U.S.C. §101(41A)) provided by individuals connected with obtaining product or service from the debtor primarily for personal family or household purposes.	x			
25 Automobiles trucks trailers and other vehicles and accessories.	x			
(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules) Continuation sheets attached				Total -> 1,310.00



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TYPE OF PROPERTY	N O N E	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY	W H J C	CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION
26 Boats motors and accessories.	x			
27 Aircraft and accessories.	x			
28 Office equipment furnishings and supplies.	x			
29 Machinery fixtures equipment and supplies used in business.	x			
30 Inventory.	x			
31 Animals.	x			
32 Crops-growing or harvested. Give particulars.	x			
33 Farming equipment and implements.	x			
34 Farm supplies chemicals and feed.	x			
35 Other personal property of any kind not already listed. Itemize.	x			
(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules) Total ->				1,310.00
Continuation sheets attached				



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SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT**Debtor claims the exemptions to which debtor is entitled under:**

Check if debtor claims a homestead exemption that exceeds \$136,875

 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2) 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	SPECIFY LAW PROVIDING EACH EXEMPTION	VALUE OF CLAIMED EXEMPTION	CURRENT VALUE OF PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING EXEMPTION
Cash on hand	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	10.00	10.00
Household furniture	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Clothing	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a)	100.00	100.00
Charter One Checking Account	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)	200.00	200.00

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SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

Continuation Sheets attached. (use only on last page of the completed Schedule D.)

*If contingent, enter C; if unliquidated, enter U; if disputed, enter D.

(Report total also on
Summary of Schedules)

(If applicable,
Report also on
Statistical Summary
of Certain
Liabilities and
Related Data.)



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SCHEDULE E - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIMS Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured priority claims to report on this Schedule E.**TYPE OF PRIORITY CLAIMS** (Check the appropriate box(es) below if claims in that category are listed on the attached sheets) **Extensions of credit in an involuntary case**

Claims arising in the ordinary course of the debtor's business or financial affairs after the commencement of the case but before the earlier of the appointment of a trustee or the order for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(2).

 Wages, salaries, and commissions

Wages, salaries, and commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay owing to employees, up to a maximum of \$10,950 per employee, earned within 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

 Contributions to employee benefit plans

Money owed to employee benefit plans for services rendered within 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

 Certain farmers and fishermen

Claims of certain farmers and fishermen, up to a maximum of \$5400 per farmer or fisherman, against the debtor, as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6).

 Deposits by individuals

Claims of individuals up to a maximum of \$2425 for deposits for the purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use, that were not delivered or provided. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

 Alimony, Maintenance, or Support

Claims of a spouse, former spouse, or child of the debtor for alimony, maintenance, or support, to the extent provided in U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

 Taxes and Certain Other Debts Owed to Governmental Units

Taxes, customs duties, and penalties owing to federal, state, and local governmental units as set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

 Commitments to Maintain the Capital of an Insured Depository Institution

Claims based on commitments to the FDIC, RTC, Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Comptroller of the Currency, or Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or their predecessors or successors, to maintain the capital of an insured depository institution. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).

 Claims for Death or Personal Injury While Debtor Was Intoxicated

Claims for death or personal injury resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle or vessel while the debtor was intoxicated from using alcohol, a drug, or another substance 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(10).

*Amounts are subject to adjustment on April 1, 2010, and every three years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND ACCOUNT NO. (See Instructions)	CO D	H W	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM	TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY		C U D *
					AMT NOT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY		
					Total ->		
						Total ->	
				Subtotal -> (Total of this page)			
(Use only on last page of the completed Schedule E. (Report total also on Summary of Schedules.)				Total ->			
(Use only on last page of the completed Schedule E.) If applicable, report also on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)				Total ->			



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SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured nonpriority claims to report on this Schedule F.

CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions)	CO D E B T O R	H W J C	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE.	C U D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
0097 Advocate Illinois Masonic 22393 Network Place Chicago, IL 60673			01/2008 Medical Services		330.00
6008 Bally Total Fitness 12440 E. Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA 90650			01/2008 to 08/2008 Gym membership		720.00
8198 Bedford Fair 421 Landmark Drive Wilmington, NC 28412			10/2005 to 08/2008 Credit card purchases		260.00
5748 Corporation Recievable, P.O. Box 4115 Concord, CA 94524			06/2008 Collection Agent for HSBC N.A.		1,685.97
4147 Fashion Bug /Soanb 745 Central Street Milford, OH 45150			06/2001 to 08/2008 Credit card purchases		514.00
0105 HSBC/BSBUY P.O. Box 15521 Wilmington, DE 19850			05/2003 to 09/2008 Credit card purchases		1,797.00
X continuation sheets attached.				Subtotal	\$ 5,306.97
				Total	\$ 5,306.97

(Use only on last page of the completed Schedule F.)

(Report total also on Summary of Schedules and,
if applicable, on the Statistical Summary of Certain
Liabilities and Related Data.)



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SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured nonpriority claims to report on this Schedule F.

CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions)	CO D E B T O R	H W J C	DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE.	C U D	AMOUNT OF CLAIM
4369			03/2008 to 05/2008 Collection Agent for Advocate Illinois Masonic		207.00
Harris & Harris 600 West Jackson Blvd Suite 4 Chicago, IL 60661					
9631			02/2008 Medical Services		90.00
MDU Communications P.O. Box 4497 Carol Stream, IL 60197					
4540			04/19996 to 09/2008 Credit card purchases		1,797.00
Sears CBSD P.O. Box 6189 Sioux Falls, SD 57117					
— continuation sheets attached.				Subtotal	\$ 2,094.00
				Total	\$ 7,400.97

(Use only on last page of the completed Schedule F.)
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SCHEDULE G - EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Check this box if debtor has no executory contracts or unexpired leases.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF OTHER PARTIES TO LEASE OR CONTRACT.	DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT OR LEASE AND NATURE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST, STATE WHETHER LEASE IS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, STATE CONTRACT NUMBER OF ANY GOVERNMENT CONTRACT.



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SCHEDULE H - CODEBTORS Check this box if debtor has no codebtors

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CODEBTOR	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR



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SCHEDULE I - CURRENT INCOME OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

The column labeled "Spouse" must be completed in all cases filed by joint debtors and by a married debtor in a chapter 12 or 13 case whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed. Do not state the name of any minor child. The average monthly income calculated on this form may differ from the current monthly income calculated on Form 22A, 22B, or 22C.

DEPENDENTS OF DEBTOR AND SPOUSE			
Debtor's Marital Status Single	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	
Employment		DEBTOR	SPOUSE
Occupation Disabled Name of Employer			
How long employed			
Address of Employer			

INCOME: (Estimate of average monthly income at time case filed)

DEBTOR

SPOUSE

1. Current monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (pro rate if not paid monthly.)

2. Estimate monthly overtime _____

3. SUBTOTAL _____ 0.00 0.00

4. LESS PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

a. Payroll taxes and social security _____

b. Insurance _____

c. Union dues _____

d. Other (Specify) _____

5. SUBTOTAL OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS _____

\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

6. TOTAL NET MONTHLY TAKE HOME PAY _____

\$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

7. Regular income from operation of business or profession or farm

(attach detailed statement) _____

8. Income from real property _____

9. Interest and dividends _____

10. Alimony, maintenance or support payments payable to the debtor for the debtor's use or that of dependents listed above. _____

11. Social security or other government assistance (Specify) _____

779.00

12. Pension or retirement income _____

113.57

13. Other monthly income (Specify)
Food Stamps _____

10.00

14. SUBTOTAL OF LINES 7 THROUGH 13

\$ 902.57 \$ 0.00

15. AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME (Add amounts shown on lines 6 and 14)

\$ 902.57

16. COMBINED AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME (Combine column totals from line 15; if there is only one debtor repeat total reported on line 15)

(Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable, on Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data)

17. Describe any increase or decrease in income reasonably anticipated to occur within the year following the filing of this document:



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SCHEMEL J - CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

Complete this schedule by estimating the average monthly expenses of the debtor and the debtor's family. Pro rate any payments made bi-weekly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually to show monthly rate. The monthly average income calculated on this form may differ from the current monthly income calculated on Form 22A, 22B, or 22C.

Check this box if a joint petition is filed and debtor's spouse maintains a separate household. Complete a separate schedule of expenditures labeled "Spouse".

1. Rent or home mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home) \$ 179.00

a. Are real estate taxes included? Yes No b. Is property insurance included? Yes No

2. Utilities Electricity and Heating Fuel

b. Water and Sewer _____

c. Telephone _____

d. Other _____

3. Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep) _____

200.00

4. Food _____

100.00

5. Clothing _____

80.00

6. Laundry and dry cleaning _____

35.00

7. Medical and dental expenses _____

30.00

8. Transportation (not including car payments) _____

90.00

9. Recreation, clubs and entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc. _____

10. Charitable contributions _____

11. Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments)

a. Homeowner's or renter's _____

b. Life _____

c. Health _____

d. Auto _____

e. Other _____

12. Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments)
(Specify) _____

13. Installment payments: (In chapter 12 and 13 cases, do not list payments to be included in the plan)

a. Auto _____

b. Other _____

c. Other _____

14. Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others _____

15. Payments for support of additional dependents not living at your home _____

16. Regular expenses from operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)

17. Other Printing 150.00

18. TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable, on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.) \$ 864.00

19. Describe any increase or decrease in expenditures reasonably anticipated to occur within the year following the filing of this document:

20. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY NET INCOME

a. Average monthly income from line 15 of Schedule I _____

b. Average monthly expenses from Line 18 above _____

c. Monthly net income (a. minus b.) _____

0.00



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DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of _____ sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. (Total shown on summary page plus 2.)

Date 09/05/08

Signature /s/ Melinda Gerstein

Gerstein, Melinda

Debtor

Date _____

Signature _____

(Joint Debtor, if any)

(If joint case, both spouses must sign.)

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE OF NON-ATTORNEY BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER (See U.S.C. §110.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. §110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required by that section.

Print or Type Name and Title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security No. (Required by 11 U.S.C. §110.)

If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the name, title (if any), address, and social security number of the officer, principal, responsible person, or partner who signs this document.

Address:

X

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Date

Names and Social Security Numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document, unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional signed sheets conforming to the appropriate Official Form for each person. A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I, the [the president or other officer or an authorized agent of the corporation or a member or an authorized agent of the partnership] of the [corporation or partnership] named as debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of _____ sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. (Total shown on summary page plus 1.)

Date _____

Signature _____

(Print or type name of individual signing on behalf of debtor.)

(An individual signing on behalf of a partnership or corporation must indicate position or relationship to debtor.)

Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern DISTRICT OF Illinois

In re: Gerstein, Melinda

Debtor(s) Case No.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

This statement is to be completed by every debtor. Spouses filing a joint petition may file a single statement on which the information for both spouses is combined. If the case is filed under chapter 12 or chapter 13, a married debtor must furnish information for both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed. An individual debtor engaged in business as a sole proprietor, partner, family farmer, or self-employed professional, should provide the information requested on this statement concerning all such activities as well as the individual's personal affairs. To indicate payments, transfers and the like to minor children, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. Sec. 11 U.S.C. §112 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m).

Questions 1-18 are to be completed by all debtors. Debtors that are or have been in business with in the last 6 years, as defined below, also must complete Questions 19-25. If the answer to any question is "None" or the question is not applicable, mark the box labeled "None". If additional space is needed for the answer to any question, use and attach a separate sheet properly identified with the case name, case number (if known), and the number of the question.

DEFINITIONS

"In business." A debtor is "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor is a corporation or partnership. An individual debtor is "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor is or has been, within the six years immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case, any of the following: an officer, director, managing executive, owner of 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities of a corporation; a partner other than a limited partner, of a partnership, a sole proprietor or self-employed full-time or part-time. An individual debtor also may be "in business" for the purpose of this form if the debtor engages in a trade, business, or other activity, other than as an employee, to supplement income from the debtor's primary employment.

"Insider." The term "insider" includes but is not limited to: relatives of the debtor; general partners of the debtor and their relatives; corporations of which the debtor is an officer, director, or person in control; officers, directors, and any person in control of a corporate debtor and their relatives; affiliates or the debtor and insiders of such affiliates; any managing agent of the debtor. 11 U.S.C. §101.

NONE
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01 INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT OR OPERATION OF BUSINESS

State the gross amount of income the debtor has received from employment trade or profession or from operation of the debtor's business including part-time activities either as an employee or in independent trade or business from the beginning of this calendar year to the date this case was commenced. State also the gross amounts received during the two years immediately preceding this calendar year. (A debtor that maintains or has maintained financial records on the basis of a fiscal rather than a calendar year may report fiscal year income. Identify the beginning and ending dates of the debtor's fiscal year.) If a joint petition is filed state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income of both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

AMOUNT	SOURCES
0	2007 Income
0	2006 Income

State the amount of income received by the debtor other than from employment trade profession operation of the debtor's business during the two years immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Give particulars. If a joint petition is filed state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income for each spouse whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

AMOUNT	SOURCES
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7446.20	2008 SSI
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| **NONE** **03A PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS**

List all payments on loans installment purchases of goods or services and other debts to any creditor made within 90 days immediately preceding the commencement of this case if the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is not less than \$600. Indicate with an asterisk (*) any payments that were made to a creditor on account of a domestic support obligation or as part of an alternative repayment schedule under a plan by an approved nonprofit budgeting and creditor counseling agency. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| **NONE** **03B PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS**

List each payment or other transfer to any creditor made within 90 days immediately preceding the commencement of the case if the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is not less than \$5475. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments and other transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| **NONE** **03C PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS**

List all payments made within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case to or for the benefit of creditors who are or were insiders. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

List all suits and administrative proceedings to which the debtor is or was a party within one year immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

04B SUITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS EXECUTION GARNISHMENTS AND ATTACHMENTS

Describe all property that has been attached garnished or seized under any legal or equitable process within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

05 REPOSSESSIONS FORECLOSURES AND RETURNS

List all property that has been repossessed by a creditor sold at a foreclosure sale transferred through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or returned to the seller within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

06A ASSIGNMENTS AND RECEIVERSHIPS

Describe any assignment of property for the benefit of creditors made within 120 days immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include any assignment by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

06B ASSIGNMENTS AND RECEIVERSHIPS

List all property which has been in the hands of a custodian receiver or court-appointed official within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

7List all gifts or charitable contributions made within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case except ordinary and usual gifts to family members aggregating less than \$200 in value per individual family member and charitable contributions aggregating less than \$100 per recipient. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include gifts or contributions by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

08 LOSSES

List all losses from fire theft other casualty or gambling within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case or since the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include losses by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

09 PAYMENTS RELATED TO DEBT COUNSELING OR BANKRUPTCY

List all payments made or property transferred by or on behalf of the debtor to any persons including attorneys for consultation concerning debt consolidation relief under the bankruptcy law or preparation of a petition in bankruptcy within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE	DATE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY
Thayer C. Torgerson 2400 N. Western Avenue Suite 205 Chicago, IL 60647	09/05/08	\$650.00

10A OTHER TRANSFERS

List all other property other than property transferred in the ordinary course of the business or financial affairs of the debtor transferred either absolutely or as security within two years immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

List all property transferred by the debtor within ten years immediately preceding the commencement of this case to a self-settled trust or similar device of which the debtor is a beneficiary.

NONE

11 CLOSED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

List all financial accounts and instruments held in the name of the debtor or for the benefit of the debtor which were closed sold or otherwise transferred within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Include checking savings or other financial accounts certificates of deposit or other instruments; shares and share accounts held in banks credit unions pension funds cooperatives associations brokerage houses and other financial institutions. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning accounts or instruments held by or for either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NONE

12 SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

List each safe deposit or other box or depository in which the debtor has or had securities, cash or other valuables within one year immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include boxes or depositories of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NONE

13 SETOFFS

List all setoffs made by any creditor including a bank against a debt or deposit of the debtor within 90 days preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NONE

14 PROPERTY HELD FOR ANOTHER PERSON

List all property owned by another person that the debtor holds or controls.

^{NONE}

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If debtor has moved within three years immediately preceding the commencement of this case list all premises which the debtor occupied during that period and vacated prior to the commencement of this case. If a joint petition is filed report also any separate address of either spouse.

^{NONE}

16 SPOUSES AND FORMER SPOUSES

If the debtor resides or resided in a community property state commonwealth or territory (including Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, or Wisconsin) within eight years immediately preceding the commencement of the case identify the name of the debtor's spouse and of any former spouse who resides or resided with the debtor in the community property state.

^{NONE}

17A ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

List the name and address of every site for which the debtor has received notice in writing by a governmental unit that it may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an Environmental Law. Indicate the governmental unit, the date of the notice and if known the Environmental Law:

^{NONE}

17B ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

List the name and address of every site for which the debtor provided notice to a governmental unit of a release of Hazardous Material. Indicate the governmental unit to which the notice was sent and the date of the notice.

^{NONE}

17C ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

List all judicial or administrative proceedings including settlements or orders under any Environmental Law with respect to which the debtor is or was a party. Indicate the name and address of the governmental unit that is or was a party to the proceeding and the docket number.

18A NATURE LOCATION AND NAME OF BUSINESS

If the debtor is an individual, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was an officer, director, partner or managing executive of a corporation, partner in a partnership, sole proprietor or was self-employed in a trade, profession or other activity either full-or part-time within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case or in which the debtor owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case. List the names addresses taxpayer identification numbers nature of the businesses and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case. List the names addresses taxpayer identification numbers nature of the businesses and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

If the debtor is a partnership, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the business, and beginning and ending dates of all business in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities, within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

If the debtor is a corporation, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the busiinesses and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within six years immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

NONE**18B NATURE LOCATION AND NAME OF BUSINESS**

Identify any business listed in response to subdivision a. ,above, that is "single asset real estate" as defined in 11 U.S.C. Sec. 101.



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DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

(If completed by an individual or individual and spouse) I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and that they are true and correct.

Date 09/06/08

Signature /s/ Melinda Gerstein

Gerstein, Melinda

Date

Signature

(if joint case, both spouses must sign.)

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF NON-ATTORNEY BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER (See 11 U.S.C. §110)

Printed or Typed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security Number
(Required by U.S.C. §110(c)).

Address

Names and Social Security Numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional signed sheets confirming to the appropriate Official Form for each person.

X

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Date

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I, the (the president or other officer or an authorized agent of the corporation or a member or an authorized agent of the partnership) of the (corporation or partnership) named as debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing statement of financial affairs, consisting of sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Continuation sheets attached

Date 09/05/2008

Signature

(Print or type name of individual signing on behalf of debtor.)

(An individual signing on behalf of a partnership or corporation must indicate position or relationship to debtor.)

PENALTY FOR MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT OR CONCEALING PROPERTY
Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both, 18 U.S.C. §152 and 3571.



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Rule 2016(b) (12-95)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Northern DISTRICT OF Illinois

In Gerstein, Melinda
re:

Debtor(s) Case No.

(if known)

STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 2016(b)

The undersigned, pursuant to Rule 2016(b) Bankruptcy Rules, states that:

(1) The undersigned is the attorney for the debtor(s) in this Case.

(2) The compensation paid or agreed to be paid by the debtor(s) to the undersigned is:

(a) for legal services rendered or to be rendered in contemplation of and in connection with this case	\$ 650.00
(b) prior to filing this statement, debtor(s) have paid	\$ 650.00
(c) the unpaid balance due and payable is	\$ 0.00

(3) \$ 299.00 of the filing fee in this case has been paid.

(4) The services rendered or to be rendered include the following:

- (a) analysis of the financial situation, and rendering advice and assistance to the debtor(s) in determining whether to file a petition under title 11 of the United States Code.
- (b) preparation and filing of the petition, schedules, statement of affairs and other documents required by the court.
- (c) representation of the debtor(s) at the meeting of creditors.

(5) The source of payments made by the debtor(s) to the undersigned was from earnings, wages and compensation for services performed, and

(6) The source of payments made by the debtor(s) to the undersigned for the unpaid balance remaining, if any, will be from earnings, wages and compensation for services performed, and

(7) The undersigned has received no transfer, assignment or pledge of property except the following for the value stated:

(8) The undersigned has not shared or agreed to share with any other entity, other than with members of undersigned's law firm, any compensation paid or to be paid except as follows:

Dated:
09/05/08

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Thayer C. Torgerson

Attorney for Petitioner
Thayer C. Torgerson 620

Attorney's name and address
2400 North Western Avenue, Suite 205, Chicago, IL 60647



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Northern **DISTRICT OF** Illinois

In re: Gerstein, Melinda

Case No.
Debtor(s)
Chapter 7

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

The above-named debtor(s) hereby verify that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

Dated: 09/05/08

Debtor /s/ Melinda Gerstein
Gerstein, Melinda

Debtor _____